

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A laundry drying rack comprising:  
a vertical support; and  
a plurality of load-bearing arms for clothes lines  
disposed pivotably on the support about respective pivot  
5 pins;

wherein the load-bearing arms are pivotable between a  
first position close to the support and a second position  
remote from the support,

wherein the load-bearing arms are coupled to one another  
10 such that upon pivoting one of the load-bearing arms,  
remaining load-bearing arms are jointly pivoted in the same  
way, and

wherein at least a first one of the load-bearing arms  
comprises means for deflecting itself outward from the first  
15 position upon exertion of a force oriented away from the  
support on a second one of the load-bearing arms.

2. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein said at  
least first one of the load-bearing arms which comprises the  
deflecting means is disposed, relative to the support,  
opposite to said second one of the load-bearing arms.

5           3. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein each of the load-bearing arms is braced on the support by a spreader arm that is pivotable at a first end about a retaining shaft disposed on the support and at a second end about an articulation shaft disposed on the load-bearing arm.

          4. The laundry drying rack of claim 3, wherein the retaining shafts of the spreader arms are disposed immovably on the support.

          5. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein the pivot pins of the load-bearing arms are disposed on a sleeve that is displaceable relative to the support.

          6. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein the plurality of load-bearing arms comprises four load-bearing arms.

          7. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein said second one of the load-bearing arms comprises a handle.

8. The laundry drying rack of claim 3, wherein the deflecting means comprises a tilt lever that is pivotable about a tilt pin on said at least first one of the load-bearing arms at a first end and is braceable on the support at a second end.

9. The laundry drying rack of claim 8, wherein the tilt lever carries the articulation shaft of the corresponding spreader arm, and the articulation shaft of the spreader arm is disposed between the tilt pin of the tilt lever and the second end of the tilt lever.

10. The laundry drying rack of claim 5, wherein the deflecting means comprises a toothed sleeve which is displaceable relative to the support, and a gear wheel or gear wheel segment that engages the toothed sleeve and which is disposed on said at least first one of the load-bearing arms.

11. The laundry drying rack of claim 10, wherein the toothed sleeve is disposed displaceably in the sleeve on which the pivot pins of the load-bearing arms are disposed.

12. The laundry drying rack of claim 10, wherein the toothed sleeve is drivable by the gear wheel or gear wheel segment disposed on said second one of the load-bearing arms.

13. The laundry drying rack of claim 1, wherein the deflecting means comprises a connecting rod disposed at a first end pivotably on a connecting rod sleeve that is displaceable relative to the support and pivotably on said at least first one of the load-bearing arms at a second end.

14. The laundry drying rack of claim 13, wherein the connecting rod sleeve is drivable by a connecting rod that is connected to said second one of the load-bearing arms.